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Three Mobile County cemeteries added to the Historic Cemetery Register

The Alabama Historical Commission recently added Convent of Visitation Cemetery, Sacred Heart Chapel Crypt and Dauphin Island Catholic Cemetery to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. The Convent of Visitation and Sacred Heart Chapel cemeteries are both located on Spring Hill Avenue.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now twenty-two cemeteries in Mobile County listed in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 268 cemeteries statewide.

Ms. Paula Wilson of Mobile completed all the state requirements to nominate these cemeteries to the historic cemetery register. Ms. Wilson provided maps, photographs, and historical information for each cemetery.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that gives aid to the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

The mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission** is to protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places. It is the state's historic preservation agency and serves as the State Historic Preservation Office.

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